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FIENDISH ATTEMPT TO CREMATE GREGORY FAMILY.

Kept In By Shots Fired Into The Windows, While House Is Burning.

SOLDIERS HURRIED TO SCENE.

Night Riders Mounted Their Horses and Escaped in the Darkness, a Few Minutes Before Rescuing Party Arrived at Scene.

Of all the many crimes perpetrated in this section by night riders, none have been more fiendish in their conception than the burning on Wednesday night of the residence of Broussais Gregory, just outside the city limits, on West Seventh street. Last week Mr. Gregory and his little family, consisting of his wife and baby, moved into the Shipp home- stead, owned by Mrs. S. B. Dicken, of Colorado, whose mother, Mrs. Lottie Shipp, died last fall.

A few minutes past midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were aroused by smoke coming through the floor into the room. Mr. Gregory went out in his night clothes and found that a fire had been kindled by piling corn stalks saturated with oil against the house and setting the pile on fire. With the assistance of two negro hands—Walter Rives and John Crimes, who responded to his call, Mr. Gregory put out the incipient fire. As he started back into the house a man approached around the corner and with a volley of oaths ordered him back into the house, firing two pistol shots. He ran inside, and while some were rekindling the fire, others fired into the windows above and below. Mrs. Gregory, with her child in her arms, sought refuge under the bed, while her husband crawled on his knees to the phone in the hall and called his father, Mr. Columbus Gregory, in this city, who turned in the alarm. While he was at the phone, several shots were fired into the hall. Mr. Gregory told them that he would come out if they wanted him, but for God's sake let him send his wife and child out of the burning building to a neighbor's. This was answered, he says, by more shots.

Mr. Columbus Gregory notified the authorities and in a few minutes a detachment of the Middleboro troops were hurrying to the scene. Another detachment who had patrolled West Seventh street a few minutes before and were in the northern part of the city, also started to investigate the shots. The soldiers reached the fire in 15 or 20 minutes, but found the incendiaries had made good their escape. One squad pursued them for two miles, but saw nothing of them, though shots were heard down the Princeton road. The Cadiz and Princeton roads fork about half a mile west of the scene. Other soldiers and citizens assisted Mr. Gregory in saving his household effects, finding the house too far gone to save. Being outside the city, the fire department could render no service.

Maj. Albrecht found tacked on the gate post a note signed Night Riders, which said that Gregory had sold his tobacco outside of the association and that he would not be allowed to raise a crop this year, that if he tried to, what was done to him would be "a plenty."

This accusation Mr. Gregory says is not true. He made a crop last year for his father, who is not a member, working for wages and having no interest in the crop, which his father disposed of himself. The young man is a member of the association. His father sold his farm last fall and the young man moved

to the Shipp place.

It is mere conjecture as to how many were in the gang. Mr. Gregory saw but one man, but there were undoubtedly several others, probably 8 or 10. Ewing Wood, who lives on the Princeton road, says the men came up the Cadiz road. Curg Carter says several men waited on his porch, seeking shelter until joined by others. It is quite likely that the crowd came from both roads. It was pitch dark and stormy and masks, if worn, were unnecessary. Neighbors heard the men ride up the road and ride away rapidly. They fled somewhat precipitately, doubtless hearing the approach of the relief party.

So far as known, this is the first residence burned. It is bad enough to destroy tobacco barns, but the attempted cremation of women and children in their beds at midnight is a new feature in the tobacco war.

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WILLIAM O. BRADLEY IS ELECTED SENATOR.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 28.—Wm. O. Bradley, Republican candidate, was elected Senator today, securing 64 votes. McNutt, Charlton, Lillard and Mueller voted for Bradley.

REVENUE AGENT

Sues Numerous Persons for Alleged Omitted Taxes.

Holland I. Anderson, State revenue agent, has sued several persons and estates for taxes on property alleged to have been omitted, as follows:

A. L. Carter's estate, on notes and accounts amounting to \$35,000, for 1903 to 1906.

Geo. D. Dalton, Admr. H. M. Dalton, on \$8,500.

Jos. P. Welsh, Admr. Pat Dalton, on \$2,500. Also for inheritance tax on \$13,500.

M. L. Elby, Admr. W. L. Bamberger, on \$2,325.

Heirs I. H. Cayce, on \$4,000. E. B. Long, Admr. J. D. Ware, on \$4,000.

Mysterious Fire.

C. W. Drinkard's general store at Kirksey, Calloway county, burned Monday night about 10 or 11 o'clock. Nothing was saved, as it was falling in when discovered. There is said to be some insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Drinkard had gone to Nashville to replenish his stock.

The laziest man in the world is the one who won't take the trouble to smile.

JUDGE BRUCE TO PLEAD FOR LAW

People of Hopkinsville to Take Firm Stand Against Crime.

LEAGUE TAKES LEAD

Membership Now Approaching One Thousand, Good Determined Citizens

Hon. Helm Bruce, of Louisville, will speak at the Court House Monday at 1:30 o'clock, the subject of his address being "Law and Order." He will come under the auspices of the Law and Order League of Hopkinsville and Christian county, which now has a membership of several hundred. The League held an enthusiastic meeting Thursday night, about 100 members being present. A telegram was ordered sent to Senator Frank Rives and Representative John Feland, urging them to present to the Legislature the memorial sent through them a week ago.

The objects and purposes of the League will be discussed by Mr. Bruce, who is one of the oldest lawyers in Kentucky. Circuit Court will be adjourned in recognition of the great importance of his address at this time, and the public is urged to attend the speaking, especially those who are inclined to disparage the work of the forces of law and order.

The League also authorized the sending of the following telegram to Senator Rives and representative Feland, which was done yesterday:

"The Law and Order League demands your hearty and active support of all measures designed to suppress lawlessness, especially the Cureton and Burnam bills, and will hold you responsible for your actions in the matter."

A telegram was also sent to Gov. Willson endorsing his message on the subject of night riding and pledging support in securing legislation.

Personal Gossip

Moses L. Elb has gone East to buy spring goods. He will visit New York, Boston and other cities.

Prof. C. H. Dietrich is spending a few days with his family.

J. T. Wall and son, Joe, have returned from New York, where they had been for several weeks buying spring goods.

Dr. R. F. McDaniel has gone to Chicago to take a post graduate course in surgery.

Miss Belle Riley, of Allensville, and Misses Anna May and Fay Petrie, of Fairview, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Little, of Owensboro, are at the Latham this week.

Wanted

To make shirt waists, skirts and children's clothes and also comforts and quilts. MRS. C. E. HORD, 917 East Seventh St.

TELLS TOBACCO STORY PROPPED UP IN BED.

James B. Duke, Head of the Great Trust, Gives Testimony for the Defense, Says Combinations Were to Reduce Expenses and Not to Advance the Prices.

New York, Feb. 26.—Propped up in bed in his residence on Fifth avenue, where he is confined by illness, James B. Duke, President of the American Tobacco Company, was examined as the first witness for the defense in the Federal action against his company for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Because of Mr. Duke's condition and his desire not to delay the proceedings, Commissioner Shields and counsel in the case improvised a court room in Mr. Duke's room and Mr. Duke's physician was in attendance during the taking of evidence, which will be continued tomorrow.

The story of his early connections with the trade and its inception of the American Tobacco Company, was related by Mr. Duke, who said that he embarked with his father in the business when he was fourteen years old. They started the manufacture

of cigarettes in an old barn in Durham, N. C.

Mr. Duke said the company in '89 spent \$800,000 in advertising, and as all the competing firms were expending like amounts of money it was thought advisable to merge the companies. The merger had not been made, Mr. Duke declared, to shut out competition, but to save expense in the marketing of the product.

The President of the American Tobacco Company told in detail of the various corporations forming the so-called "tobacco trust," and the stock allotted to each in exchange for their securities.

Mr. Duke also stated that the various companies taken over by the American Tobacco Company since its formation were purchased purely for investment and not to stifle competition.

Dog Found.

White female bird dog, with yellow and spotted ears, yellow spot on nose and one on left side. Seems about one year old. In good flesh. Inquire at this office.

Mr. Frank Hoge, of Fairview, was in the city yesterday.

In New Territory.

Mt. Olive, Ky., Feb. 27.—Night Riders last night fired into Estil Curtis' store at Piqua, and destroyed a wagon load of tobacco near Sandit. No one was hurt. This is the first appearance of night riders in Robertson county.

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CAPITAL \$100,000.00.
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With the largest combined capital and surplus of any bank in Christian county, supplied with modern burglar proof safe and vault, we are prepared to offer our depositors every protection for their money.

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Surplus 25,000.00
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15--PRESENTS--15

We are anxious for the public to thoroughly understand how the ONE DAY'S CASH SALES that we GIVE AWAY is determined. The Feb. date will be opened at our store room at 10 o'clock MONDAY MORNING, MCH. 2, and at the same time a MARCH DATE will be selected.

As a special inducement for EVERYBODY to be present, we make the following offer. Each person that comes to our store from 9:30 to 10 o'clock, MONDAY, MARCH 2 will be allowed ONE guess on the date the FEBRUARY envelope contains and the ones guessing the CORRECT DATE will be entitled to the following gifts.

- 1st Gift—One Year's Subscription to Daily Kentucky New Era.
 - 2nd Gift—25 pounds Preference (Step Ladder) Flour.
 - 3rd Gift—One Box (25) Joco Cigars.
 - 4th Gift—Six Cans Ferndell Corn.
 - 5th Gift—Fifty lbs. of Preference (Step Ladder) Flour.
 - 6th Gift—One lb. Chase and Sanborn's Mocha-Java Coffee.
 - 7th Gift—One Box (3 cakes) Toilet Soap.
 - 8th Gift—Ten Cakes Laundry Soap.
 - 9th Gift—Half lb. Can Chase and Sanborn's Emperor Blend Tea.
 - 10th Gift—One Dozen Oranges.
 - 11th Gift—One lb. Chocolate Candy.
 - 12th Gift—Three lbs. XXXX Coffee.
 - 13th Gift—One Barrel Preference (Step Ladder) Flour.
 - 14th Gift—1 Gal. Finest N. O. Molasses
 - 15th Gift—25 lbs. Granulated Sugar.
- You can guess ANY ONE DATE IN FEBRUARY, either 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., up to and including the 29th, but must not leave the store until FEB. envelope is opened, if you do your guess will not be counted. DON'T FORGET 9:30 MONDAY. YOU ARE INVITED.

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